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SUBJECT: TURKEY WILL NOT JOIN INTERNATIONAL WHALING
COMMISSION

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In response to REF A, the GOT will not be joining the International Whaling Commission, per Asli Oral, Head of Environmental Department at MFA (3/13). Turkey has no whaling activities and no whaling policy. If a whaling vote is presented under another convention, GOT will formulate a position at that time.

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